

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A child safety warning device comprising:

a portable housing;

a recording device located within the housing;

a connector coupled to the housing and adapted to fit within a vehicle socket; and

a switching device coupled to the recording device and the connector;

wherein the switching device provides a signal to the recording device indicative of a change in an ignition state of a vehicle from an on-state to an off-state; and

wherein the recording device plays back a prerecorded message in response to the signal provided by the switching device.

2. (Original) A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a speaker coupled to the recording device.

3. (Original) A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the switching device comprises a relay.

4. (Original) A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the relay is a normally closed relay.

5. (New) A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a power source located within the housing and coupled to the recording device, wherein the power source provides electrical power to the recording device independent from an electrical system of the vehicle.